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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT - WAR ON TERRORISM

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(A) SUBJECTS COVERED IN TODAY'S REPORT:

11. WAR ON TERRORISM

B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE ATTACKS IN EGYPT DOMINATE THE FRONT PAGES OF ALL THE DAILIES IN FRANCE, WITH VARIOUS HEADLINES SUCH AS: "ENDLESS TERROR" FOR CONSERVATIVE FRANCE-SOIR, "AL-QAEDA'S OFFENSIVE" FOR LEFT-OF-CENTER LIB ATION, "AL-QAEDA'S DEADLY SUMMER" FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO, "WORLD ECONOMY UNDER TERRORIST PRESSURE" FOR ECONOMIC LA TRIBUNE, AND "ECONOMY IN THE SIGHTS OF ISLAMIC TERRORISM" FOR ECONOMIC LES ECHOS. INTERVIEWED IN CONSERVATIVE FRANCE SOIR, PASCAL BONIFACE, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGICAL RELATIONS, SAYS: "IT IS AS IF THERE WERE A KIND OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN AL-QAEDA AND GEORGE W. BUSH. THAT OF ELIMINATING MODERATE SPEECHES BY MUSLIMS AND WESTERNERS." (SEE PART C)

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER MICHELE ALLIOT-MARIE, WHO WAS IN AFGHANISTAN FOR THREE DAYS, IS VIEWED BY CONSERVATIVE LE PARISIEN AS DETERMINED THAT THE OUTBURST OF TERRORIST ATTACKS IN LONDON AND CHARM EL-SHEIKH WILL IN NO EVENT CHANGE FRANCE'S POSITION IN AFGHANISTAN.

AFTER TWO WEEKS OF RUMORS, PEPSICO HAS STATED THAT IT IS NOT PREPARING A TAKEOVER OF DANONE.

LANCE ARMSTRONG'S SEVENTH VICTORY IN THE TOUR DE FRANCE AND HIS RETIREMENT ARE REPORTED IN ALL THE PAPERS. COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE HEADLINES: "MYSTERY ARMSTRONG: ONE LOVES HIM OR HATES HIM."

REGARDING THE LAUNCHING OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY, FRENCH ASTRONAUT PATRICK BAUDRY IS INTERVIEWED IN FRANCE SOIR AND CRITICIZES NASA. ".NASA IS BECOMING WORTHLESS. DURING THE LAST DECADE, IT MADE NO PROGRESS. IT PERSISTS WITH A VERY EXPENSIVE PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT PRODUCE ANYTHING INSTEAD OF WORKING ON REAL PROJECTS SUCH AS GOING BACK TO THE MOON."

AN OP-ED BY RICHARD N. HAASS IS PUBLISHED IN LES ECHOS ENTITLED: "FOR AFRICA, TRADE RATHER THAN AID."

(C) SUPPORTING TEXT/BLOCK QUOTES:

WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

JEAN GUISNEL IN REGIONAL DAILY LA REPUBLIQUE DES PYR S (07/25) "THE DEADLY WEAPON OF BIN LADEN'S HENCHMEN, THE MASTER TRUMP OF GLOBAL JIHAD, IS THE KAMIKAZE. FAR FROM DECLINING, THE PHENOMENON IS GROWING WHILE THE HELPLESSNESS OF SECURITY MEASURES IS EVIDENT. AND THE REASON FOR THIS - ISN'T THIS RIGHT MR. BUSH? - IS THAT THE ANSWER TO TERROR CANNOT BE EXCLUSIVELY MILITARY. ONE WILL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT SHARING WEALTH IN THE WORLD, RAISING THE LEVEL OF LIFE STANDARDS, THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PREDATORY POLICY OF NORTHERN COUNTRIES. BECAUSE IF THIS REVOLUTION DOES NOT BEGIN, WE ARE ON THE ROAD FOR DECADES OF MASSACRES."

DOMINIQUE MOISI IN REGIONAL DAILY OUEST-FRANCE (07/25) "WE CANNOT SAY ANYMORE, AS PRESIDENT BUSH AS DONE FOR TOO LONG, THAT THE WORLD IS SAFER SINCE SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REGIME FELL IN IRAQ. EVERY DAY BRINGS A TRAGIC DENIAL TO THIS OPTIMISTIC VISION OF HISTORY. BUT WE CANNOT PRETEND, AS THE FUNDAMENTALISTS WANT US TO THINK, THAT THEIR POLICY OF TERROR IS AN ANSWER TO WAR IN IRAQ. THE TRUTH IS THAT WE ARE JUST STARTING, STEP-BY-STEP, TO UNDERSTAND TO WHICH EXTENT WE ENTERED A NEW WORLD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. TERRORISM DID NOT WAIT FOR IRAQ; TERROR IS A TECHNIQUE, A MEAN THAT DOES NOT NEED CAUSES AND THAT WILL ALWAYS FIND PRETEXTS."

"SECOND OFFENSE"

G ARD DUPUY'S EDITORIAL IN LIB ATION (07/25) "SCOTLAND YARD'S UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE MAY SEEM VERY SLIGHT IN FACE OF THE NEW SLAUGHTER BY THE SOLDIERS OF ISLAMIC TERROR BUT THE LESSON

TO DRAW IS THE SAME ONE. NO MATTER HOW JUSTIFIABLE, ANGER IS A BAD ADVISER WHEN IT COMES TO ACTION. THERE IS NO NEED AND IT IS EVEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OVER-REACT IN ORDER TO ASSESS ONE'S STRENGTH AND TOUGHNESS. THE WAVE OF ATTACKS OF THE LAST DAYS CONFIRMS THAT FOR THE POLICE AND SECRET SERVICES OF WESTERN COUNTRIES, ISLAMIC TERRORISM CONSTITUTES THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE THAT THEY EVER HAVE HAD TO FACE, INCLUDING THE COLD WAR. TERRORISTS ARE NOT FIGHTING THE WEST'S STRENGTH BUT ITS WEAKNESS."

"ANSWER TO TERRORISM THROUGH ECONOMY AS WELL"

ERIK IZRAELEWICZ'S EDITORIAL IN ECONOMIC LES ECHOS (07/25)
". THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM THAT WE ENTERED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE NEW CENTURY WILL BE LONG AND DIFFICULT. THE 'POLITICAL' NETWORKS AT THE CORE OF THESE ATTACKS HAVE BLINDLY KILLED. HOWEVER, UNTIL TODAY, THEY HAVE NOT MANAGED TO DESTABILIZE DEMOCRACIES NOR PUT INTO QUESTION THE RUNNING OF THEIR ECONOMIES. EVERY TIME TERRORISTS TRIED TO WEAKEN SOME OF THE BASIC LINKS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. WITH NEW YORK AND THE WORLD TRADE CENTER TOWERS, IT WAS ALSO WALL STREET, PREMIER FINANCIAL PLACE IN THE WORLD, WHICH WAS TARGETED. WITH LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE CITY, EUROPE'S FINANCIAL CENTER, THE CITY OF THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES, THAT WAS CHOSEN. LAST FRIDAY, WITH CHARM EL-SHEIKH, IT'S THE SYMBOL OF A RISING INDUSTRY IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE ARAB WORLD, THAT WAS TARGETED. FOR THE MOMENT, THESE ATTACKS HAVE NOT ACHIEVED THEIR GOALS. SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN REINFORCED IN THE DEMOCRACIES WITHOUT PUTTING LIBERTY INTO QUESTION."

"THE WAR IS INTENSIFYING"

PIERRE ROUSSELIN IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (07/25) " WE'RE UNDERGOING A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR WITH MULTIPLE TARGETS AROUND THE WORLD AND A GENERAL CLIMATE OF APPREHENSION. WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH TRULY A NEW TYPE OF WAR. IN LONDON, AS IN EGYPT, THE ATTACK HAS MULTIPLIER EFFECTS - BEYOND THE COST IN HUMAN LIFE. IN CHARM, IT IS THE IMAGES OF TOURISTS OF ALL NATIONALITIES FLEEING THE BOMBINGS AND THE VACATION RESORT. WE DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYMORE WHAT AL-QAEDA IS BECAUSE ITS ACTIONS ARE SO EFFICIENT, WHETHER THE ATTACKS ARE INITIATED BY AUTONOMOUS GROUPS OR COORDINATED. AND WHERE IS BIN LADEN? WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT THE TERRORISTS CAN ATTACK AT ANY TIME, AND THIS IS WORRISOME.

"MULTIPLE HEADS"

GUILLAUME GOUBERT IN CATHOLIC LA CROIX (07/27) "THE TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST CHARM EL-SHEIKH WAS AIMING AT SEVERAL SYMBOLIC TARGETS. AS A MISSILE WITH MULTIPLE HEADS, IT TRIED TO REACH TOURISM, EGYPT AND ANY PROCESS OF DETENTE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SUCH HOLIDAY RESORTS ARE PLACES OF CONTACTS BETWEEN CULTURES AND CIVILIZATIONS. THEY ALSO WANTED TO ECONOMICALLY WEAKEN EGYPT WHOSE FINANCIAL BALANCE DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON TOURISM. THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS OF EGYPT ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE. CHARM EL-SHEIKH IS A SYMBOL SINCE THIS CITY HAS BEEN THE HOST OF SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCES FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. IS IT A COINCIDENCE IF THE CHARM EL-SHEIKH ATTACKS TOOK PLACE A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE ARRANGED DATE FOR THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM GAZA? . THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IS NOT PUT INTO QUESTION FOR NOW. IN FACE OF TERRORISM, THE 'PEACE CAMP' MUST STICK TOGETHER."

"DEATH IS THEIR WORK"

PASCAL AUBERT IN LA TRIBUNE (07/25) ". WHEN, IN IRAQ, BIN LADEN'S LOYAL SERVANTS MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH LOST SOLDIERS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN, IT IS NOT FAITH IN ALLAH THAT BRINGS THEM TOGETHER BUT HATE OF THE WEST AND FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIRST PLACE."

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